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1. Legislation and Ministerial Directions

1. 1. The RCMP has the primary law enforcement responsibility under [sec. 6\(1\), Security Offences Act](#) for investigating threats to the security of Canada, as defined in [sec. 2, Canadian Security Intelligence Service Act](#), or threats or criminal acts against an internationally protected person as defined in [sec. 2, CC](#).

1. 2. All national security investigations must comply with the following ministerial directions:

1. 2. 1. Responsibility and Accountability, [App. 12-General-1](#);
1. 2. 2. Arrangements and Cooperation, [App. 12-General-2](#); and
1. 2. 3. Investigations in Sensitive Sectors, [App.12-General-3](#).

2. National Security Program

2. 1. Structure

2. 1. 1. The A/Commr., National Security Criminal Investigations (NSCI) is responsible for all aspects of the RCMP National Security Program, including final authority over all national security criminal investigations conducted by the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team (INSET)/National Security Enforcement Section (NSES). Reporting to the A/Commr., NSCI are three Director Generals responsible for the following programs: National Security Criminal Operations, National Security Legislative Affairs, and Strategic Integration and Program Support.

2. 1. 2. National Security Criminal Operations monitors all national security criminal investigations to keep the A/Commr., NSCI aware of any situation and provide guidance and, where appropriate, direction to the divisions. National Security Criminal Operations monitors the progress of all national security criminal investigations through reporting from division Cr. Ops. Officers. National Security Criminal Operations also coordinates and provides direction on all national security-related domestic and foreign information sharing.

2. 1. 3. National Security Legislative Affairs addresses issues arising from public inquiries, as well as civil litigation matters. National Security Legislative Affairs also analyzes events on the public realm that have implications for the RCMP's national security-related activities, and provides advice to senior managers on issues with legislative and legal implications for the RCMP.

2. 1. 4. Strategic Integration and Program Support provides strategic direction and support to NSCI by developing directives, programs and processes to ensure that NSCI meets its obligations to internal partners, RCMP divisions, senior government and international bodies.

2. 2. Mandate

2. 2. 1. The National Security Program retains primary responsibility in the investigation of the following national security offences:

2. 2. 1. 1. terrorism or terrorist activity as defined in [CC](#) (in particular Part II.1), including provisions amended by the [Anti-terrorism Act](#);

2. 2. 1. 2. duties assigned to police officers under [sec. 6\(1\), Security Offences Act](#);

2. 2. 1. 3. threats to the security of Canada as defined in [sec. 2, Canadian Security Intelligence Service Act](#);

2. 2. 1. 4. threats against internationally protected persons as defined in [sec. 2, CC](#), or a person designated as a protected person in [PRPM ch. 2.F.](#);

2. 2. 1. 5. unlawful, unauthorized or intentional communication to a foreign entity or to a terrorist group of any national security criminal information that is safeguarded by the Canadian government, or by a province, that could constitute a breach of the *Security of Information Act* or other similar provisions in other federal laws and the CC;

2. 2. 1. 6. any other federal statute or CC offence that may have a national security dimension, such as but not limited to:

2. 2. 1. 6. 1. the taking of a hostage,

2. 2. 1. 6. 2. an offence affecting the physical protection of a nuclear substance,

2. 2. 1. 6. 3. an unlawful act and/or violence against the safety of civil aviation and the seizure of an aircraft,

2. 2. 1. 6. 4. an unlawful act against the safety of maritime navigation,

2. 2. 1. 6. 5. an unlawful act affecting the safety of an offshore fixed platform,

2. 2. 1. 6. 6. an unlawful act that contributes to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, or

2. 2. 1. 6. 7. an unlawful act affecting critical infrastructure.

2. 2. 1. 7. terrorist financing under the provision of the [Proceeds of Crime \(Money Laundering\) and Terrorist Financing Act](#), [Charities Registration \(Security Information\) Act](#) and [Regulations Implementing the United Nations Resolutions on the Suppression of Terrorism](#).

2. 2. 2. The National Security Program retains primary responsibility for assessing all incidents regarding the possible proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and information sharing related to any subsequent investigation by RCMP programs.

2. 2. 2. 1. All RCMP units must refer any investigation that may relate to the offences indicated in [sec. 2.2.](#) and [2.3.](#) to the nearest INSET/NSES, and comply with the reporting procedures outlined in [ch. 12.1.](#)

2. 3. Program Responsibilities

2. 3. 1. In cooperation with other Canadian law enforcement departments/agencies, prevent, detect and investigate national security criminal offences.

2. 3. 2. In support of protective policing duties, provide threat assessments for persons designated as protected persons in [PRPM ch. 2.F.](#) and internationally protected persons as defined in [sec. 2, CC](#).

2. 3. 3. In response to terrorism and pursuant to [sec. 6\(2\), Security Offences Act](#), develop agreements with other law enforcement departments/agencies to define respective roles and responsibilities (see [ch. 12.9.](#)).

2. 3. 4. Liaise with Canadian and foreign government departments and law enforcement, security or intelligence agencies. See [ch. 12.9.](#)

2. 4. Enforcement Coordination

2. 4. 1. All national security criminal investigations will be centrally controlled by National Headquarters, National Security Criminal Operations Investigations.

2. 4. 2. The A/Commr. NSCI will have final authority over all national security criminal investigations.

2. 4. 3. The CO/Cr. Ops. Officer will ensure national security criminal investigations comply with ministerial directions and RCMP directives and priorities.

3. Legal Opinions and Interpretations

3. 1. All requests for legal opinion on the interpretation of laws related to national security criminal investigations will be forwarded to National Headquarters, ATTN: National Security Criminal Operations for submission to the Public Prosecution Service of Canada.

4. National Counter-terrorism Plan

4. 1. The NSCI is the policy center for the National Counter-terrorism Plan and the Counter-terrorism Incident Notification process.

5. International Travel

5. 1. The Cr. Ops. Officer will review and recommend any request for operational international travel involving national security criminal investigations.

5. 2. If the Cr. Ops. Officer recommends the travel, then the travel requests will be sent to National Headquarters, ATTN: OIC National Security Criminal Operations for submission to the A/Commr. NSCI for approval.

5. 3. For operational travel to the U.S., see [ch. 40.1.](#); for other countries, see [ch. 40.2.](#)

5. 4. For international administrative travel, see [AM ch. XV.1.](#)

References

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